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SUBJECT: SOVIET OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION OF BERLINER
IN ECE ACTIVITIES

REFS: (A) GENEVA 9757; (B) BONN 18433; (C) BONN 20642

BEGIN SUMMARY: FRG HAS REQUESTED ALLIED SUPPORT IN
OPPOSING SOVIET EFFORT TO PREVENT THE PARTICIPATION OF
AN OFFICIAL OF THE BERLIN-BASED FEDERAL
INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS TESTING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
ECE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING, AND PLANNING
WORKING PARTY ON THE BUILDING INDUSTRY. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG REP (HENZE) INFORMED ALLIES IN DECEMBER 21
BONN GROUP MEETING THAT THE SOVIETS ARE CONTINUING TO
ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE PARTICIPATION OF AN OFFICIAL
FROM THE BERLIN-BASED FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS
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TESTING (FIMT) IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECE COMMITTEE
ON HOUSING, BUILDING, AND PLANNING WORKING PARTY ON
THE BUILDING INDUSTRY. ACCORDING TO HENZE, THE
DIFFICULTY BEGAN DURING THE NINTH SESSION OF THE
WORKING PARTY WHICH TOOK PLACE IN GENEVA ON DECEMBER
6-10. AT THAT TIME, UNDER AGENDA ITEM FOUR, A REPORT

ON ENERGY CONSERVATION IN BUILDINGS (HBP/WP.2/R.77)
WAS SUBMITTED BY W. CAEMMERER, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FIMT.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF A, SOVIET DELEGATION PROTESTED
AGAINST SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT AND, ACCORDING TO
HENZE, HAD THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT INSERTED IN
THE RECORD OF THE WORKING GROUP SESSION:

"THE USSR DELEGATION, IN ITS OWN NAME AND ON BEHALF
OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE BYELORUSSIAN SSR, BULGARIA,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND POLAND, MADE THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION BY THE ECE SECRE-
TARIAT OF DOCUMENT HBP/WP.2/R.77: 'AS IT IS KNOWN, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT ON WEST
BERLIN OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971, THE WESTERN SECTORS OF
BERLIN ARE NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND CANNOT BE GOVERNED BY IT.
CONSEQUENTLY, THE CREATION AND FUNCTIONING IN WEST
BERLIN OF THE FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS' TESTING
IS ILLEGAL AND PRESENTS A BREACH OF THE QUADRIpartite
AGREEMENT. TAKING THIS INTO ACCOUNT, THE MENTIONED
DELEGATIONS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE
THIS INSTITUTE NOR THE DOCUMENT WHICH HAD BEEN
PREPARED BY IT. THIS DOCUMENT COULD THEREFORE NOT BE
DISTRIBUTED AND CONSIDERED IN THE ECE.' "

3. ALSO AS REPORTED IN REF A, U.S. DELEGATION
RESPONDED APPROPRIATELY ALONG THE LINES IN REF B AS
SUGGESTED IN REF C.

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4. HENZE CONTINUED THAT THE WORKING PARTY HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS ACTIVITIES AND PLANS TO MEET AGAIN IN MARCH 1977. THE PROBLEM NOW BECOMES THE STATUS OF THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY CAEMMERER. ORDINARILY, THE ECE COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT WOULD CIRCULATE THE REPORT INCLUDING A RUSSIAN TRANSLATION. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET STATEMENT SAYS THAT THE REPORT SHOULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED AND CONSIDERED IN THE ECE.

5. HENZE COMMENTED THAT THE FRG WAS TAKING THE MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY. THE FRG HAS TOLD THE SECRETARIAT "FIRMLY" THAT THE REPORT MUST NOT BE WITHDRAWN. HENZE NOTED THAT, UP TO NOW, THE SOVIETS HAVE CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH MERELY PROTESTING THE PRESENCE OF OFFICIALS OF BERLIN-BASED INSTITUTIONS AT SUCH MEETINGS. NOW
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THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT THE PARTICIPATION OF SUCH AN OFFICIAL IN THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. IF THEY SUCCEED IN THIS CASE, A PRECEDENT WILL BE CREATED.

6. HENZE CONCLUDED BY ASKING FOR ALLIED SUPPORT IN GENEVA. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FRG AND ALLIED MISSIONS SHOULD COOPERATE TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE ECE COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO ENSURE THAT THE REPORT NOT BE WITHDRAWN BUT RATHER BE TREATED AS A NORMAL WORKING PAPER.

7. ALLIED REPS CONCURRED WITH HENZE ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION. THEY NOTED PARTICULARLY THE POINT THE SOVIETS HAVE UP TO NOW GENERALLY NOT TAKEN SUBSTANTIVE ACTION TO PREVENT PARTICIPATION OF SUCH FRG OFFICIALS IN SUCH MEETINGS AND AGREED TO REPORT

THE SITUATION TO CAPITALS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE
MISSION GENEVA TO COOPERATE WITH FRG, UK, AND
FRENCH MISSIONS ALONG LINES NOTED IN PARA 6 ABOVE.
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